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NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE RESULTING IN ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Sir:

The assignee, TUEBINGEN SCIENTIFIC SURGICAL PRODUCTS GMBH, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27, is entitled to small entity status, which is hereby asserted for the above-identified patent.

The applicants do not believe that a fee is required for this request. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2455.

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